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CHICKEN HATCHINGS AND POULTRY SLAUGHTERINGS

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Details of chicken hatchings and poultry slaughterings in South Australia from 1965-66 to December 1967 have been compiled from returns submitted by all known commercial hatchers and slaughterers. Although the figures may not cover some very small producers, it is considered that the statistics give a high level of coverage of hatchings and slaughterings of meat strain chickens and of hatchings of egg strain chicks in commercial hatcheries which sell day-old chicks.
Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components are due to rounding.

TABLE 1 - POULTRY SLAUGHTERED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION (a)

Period	Chickens, (i.e. Broilers, Fryers, or Roasters)	Hens and Stags	Ducks and Drakes	Turkeys	Total
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED ('000)					
1965-66	2,716	197	52	20	2,985
1966-67	3,682	192	59	28	3,962
1966 - Dec. Qr	879	48	14	5	946
1967 - Mar. Qr	933	39	17	4	993
June Qr	1,018	60	19	8	1,105
Sept. Qr	1,041	66	5	6	1,119
Dec. Qr	1,020	90	7	3	1,120
October	297	39	2	1	338
November	347	27	2	1	377
December	376	24	4	1	405
LIVE WEIGHT OF POULTRY SLAUGHTERED ('000 lb)					
1965-66	8,553	970	304	257	10,084
1966-67	12,011	984	336	397	13,727
1966 - Dec. Qr	2,892	248	75	68	3,283
1967 - Mar. Qr	3,025	191	97	60	3,373
June Qr	3,356	316	113	110	3,894
Sept. Qr	3,459	337	30	92	3,918
Dec. Qr	3,329	447	37	37	3,851
October	953	182	10	9	1,153
November	1,165	144	9	11	1,329
December	1,211	122	18	17	1,368
DRESSED WEIGHT OF POULTRY SLAUGHTERED ('000 lb) (b)					
1965-66	6,447	653	209	187	7,496
1966-67	9,167	667	235	295	10,363
1966 - Dec. Qr	2,215	169	53	51	2,488
1967 - Mar. Qr	2,259	132	67	46	2,504
June Qr	2,621	209	78	79	2,986
Sept. Qr	2,694	225	23	70	3,012
Dec. Qr	2,574	302	26	29	2,930
October	713	121	7	7	849
November	890	98	6	8	1,003
December	971	82	13	13	1,078

(a) Excludes geese slaughtered (584 geese with live weight of 5,521 lb and dressed weight of 4,012 lb were slaughtered during 1966-67).
(b) Dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets as reported by producers.

TABLE 2 - EGGS SET AND CHICKS HATCHED IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES

Particulars	1965-66	1966-67	Quarter Ended Dec. 1966	Mar. 1967	June 1967	Sept. 1967	Dec. 1967	Oct. 1967	Nov. 1967	Dec. 1967
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Eggs set, including eggs which failed to hatch -										
Meat strains	5,089	6,215	1,501	1,575	1,678	1,799	1,790	603	644	542
Egg strains	4,464	5,352	671	514	1,326	2,610	786	361	309	115
Total eggs	9,553	11,567	2,172	2,089	3,004	4,409	2,576	965	953	658
Chicks hatched (a) and intended to be raised for -										
Chicken meat -										
Meat strains - unsexed	3,501	4,383	1,066	1,057	1,197	1,233	1,243	386	413	444
Egg strains(b) - crossbred and other cockerels	274	230	71	27	31	68	39	21	10	8
Egg production -										
Egg strains (b) - pullets	1,525	1,925	384	149	377	1,009	386	189	143	54
Breeding -										
Egg strains - pullets	70	89	9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
cockerels	8	13	3	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Total chicks (c)	5,378	6,642	1,533	(d)1,233	(d)1,605	(d)2,311	(d)1,667	(d)596	(d)565	(d)506

(a) Excluding chicks destroyed.

(b) Egg strain chicks sold as "unsexed" have been allocated equally between chicks for chicken meat and chicks for egg production. The number so reported was 3,600 for December 1967.

(c) Excludes meat strain chicks for breeding purposes, details of which are not available for publication.

(d) Excludes egg strain chicks for breeding purposes, where figures are not available for publication.

n.a. Not available for publication

\- Nil or less than half the final digit.

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